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Letter dated 25 March 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to write you in accordance with our policy of providing information on events relating to the Gulf of Fonseca as a zone of peace, sustainable development and security.

As you know, in a letter dated 22 March 2013, we informed you that the discussion of issues concerning the Gulf of Fonseca will continue during the next presidential summit, to be held during the first week of April 2013.

In that regard, I have attached a copy of the joint communiqué issued by the Republic of El Salvador and the Republic of Honduras on 22 March 2013 on this matter (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42: "The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development", and as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 25 March 2013 addressed to the Secretary-General from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations

Joint Communiqué

Washington, D.C., 22 March 2013

Mr. Arturo Corrales Álvarez and Mr. Hugo Roger Martínez Bonilla, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the sister Republics of Honduras and El Salvador, held a bilateral meeting this morning at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS) in the city of Washington, D.C. during the forty-fourth Extraordinary General Assembly of OAS.

At the meeting, the Ministers discussed various bilateral and regional issues, in particular the situation in the Gulf of Fonseca, and agreed that the dialogue would continue at the presidential level and within the framework of the meeting of foreign ministers held on 2 March 2013, at which several issues had been addressed and an agenda had been proposed for implementation.

In that regard, they agreed to organize another meeting, to be held during the first week of April 2013, at a date to be agreed jointly by the foreign ministers of El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua.